

# CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION SPECIALIST II

## DEPARTMENTAL OPEN STATEWIDE



State of California  
DEPARTMENT OF  
JUSTICE  
P.O. BOX 944255  
Sacramento, CA 94244-2550

THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER TO ALL, REGARDLESS OF AGE, ANCESTRY, COLOR, DISABILITY (MENTAL AND PHYSICAL), EXERCISING THE RIGHT TO FAMILY CARE AND MEDICAL LEAVE, GENDER, GENDER EXPRESSION, GENDER IDENTITY, GENETIC INFORMATION, MARITAL STATUS, MEDICAL CONDITION, MILITARY OR VETERAN STATUS, NATIONAL ORIGIN, POLITICAL AFFILIATION, RACE, RELIGIOUS CREED, SEX (INCLUDES PREGNANCY, CHILDBIRTH, BREASTFEEDING AND RELATED MEDICAL CONDITIONS), AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION.

IT IS THE OBJECTIVE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO ACHIEVE A DRUG-FREE STATE WORK PLACE. ANY APPLICANT FOR STATE EMPLOYMENT WILL BE EXPECTED TO BEHAVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS OBJECTIVE BECAUSE THE USE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE LAW OF THE STATE, THE RULES OF GOVERNING CIVIL SERVICE AND THE SPECIAL TRUST PLACED IN PUBLIC SERVANTS.

**FINAL FILING DATE** **January 23, 2015**— Applications (Form STD 678) must be **POSTMARKED (U.S. MAIL)** or personally delivered no later than the final filing date. Applications personally delivered or postmarked **after** the final filing date **will not** be accepted for any reason.

**WHO CAN APPLY** Persons who meet the minimum qualifications by the announced **final filing date**.

If you have already taken this exam, please do **NOT** re-apply.

**FILING INSTRUCTIONS** All applicants must complete and return the State Examination Application by the final filing date. See the following link for the State Examination Application.

- [Examination Application \(Form STD 678\)](#)

**Mailing Address**

Department of Justice  
Testing and Selection Unit  
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**File in Person:**

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Testing and Selection Unit  
Attn: Jeremiah Honer  
1300 "I" Street, 1st Floor Lobby  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**DO NOT SUBMIT APPLICATIONS:**

- **TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES**
- **ONLINE/EMAIL**
- **VIA INTER-AGENCY MAIL**
- **FAX**

**SPECIAL TESTING  
ARRANGEMENTS**

If you are an individual with a disability and need reasonable accommodation to participate in this examination, please mark the box in question #2 on the "Examination Application". You will be notified to determine what assistance can be provided.

**SALARY RANGE**

**\$3424-\$4238**

The salaries used in this bulletin are the latest available from the State Controller's Office, but may not reflect the most recent salary adjustment.

**ELIGIBLE LIST  
INFORMATION**

A departmental eligible list will be established for the Department of Justice. The list will be abolished **12** months after it is established unless the needs of the service and conditions of the list warrant a change in this period.

The resulting eligible list will be used to fill vacancies at the Department of Justice.

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### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

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#### Either I

One year of experience in the California state service performing criminal identification duties comparable in level of responsibility to those of a Criminal Identification Specialist I.

#### Or II

**Experience:** Two years of experience performing the technical phases of criminal identification work in a governmental law enforcement agency. (Experience in California state service applied toward this requirement must include at least one year performing criminal identification duties comparable in level of responsibility to those of a Criminal Identification Specialist I.) **And**

**Education:** Equivalent to completion of two years of college. (Additional qualifying experience may be substituted for the required education on a year-for-year basis.)

### DEFINITION OF TERMS

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**“Performing criminal identification duties”** – the applicant must have the amount of experience in State Service in the classification (or on a T&D to the classification) specified.

**“Duties comparable in level of responsibility”** – the applicant must have State service experience of appropriate type and length in a classification at the same (or a higher) level of responsibility as the classification specified.

### POSITION DESCRIPTION

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This is the higher journeyman level in the series. Under general direction, Criminal Identification Specialists II perform the difficult fingerprint identification duties; man the Department's Command Center with responsibility for processing urgent telephone and teletype requests for criminal record information and associated data on a 24-hour, 7-day basis; review various databases to determine a person's eligibility to purchase/possess firearms; access various automated systems for identification purposes; by appointment, meet with and confirm the identity of criminal record subjects who have requested a review of their record and, when necessary, assist the subject in properly contesting and/or correcting the contents of the record; and may act as a lead person/trainer to several Criminal Identification Specialists I involved in all facets of the Department's criminal identification function.

Positions exist in Sacramento, CA and Richmond, CA.

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**EXAMINATION  
INFORMATION**

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The examination will consist of a Training and Experience Evaluation (T&E) and is the sole component of the Criminal Identification Specialist II examination. To obtain a position on the eligible list a minimum score of 70% must be received.

**TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE QUESTIONNAIRE-WEIGHTED 100%**

The Training and Experience Evaluation will be administered electronically using an online survey application. Instructions for completing the Training and Experience Evaluation will be mailed to each candidate who meets the minimum qualifications. Exam submissions must solely be the candidate's work product.

In addition to evaluating the competitor's relative abilities as demonstrated by quality and breadth of experience, the Training and Experience Evaluation will be measuring the knowledge, skills, and abilities:

**Knowledge of:**

1. Methods used in criminal identification processes (i.e. comparison of dental charts, finger and palm prints, personal descriptor records).
2. Procedures used in criminal identification processes to apply legal statutes, regulations, and departmental policy guidelines to perform assigned duties.
3. The theory and practice involved in identifying individuals utilizing a variety of identifiers (e.g., fingerprints, DNA, documentation).
4. Statutory codes that affect section functions and work protocol.
5. The process and procedure of conducting a background check.
6. The criminal justice system, including entry into the system, prosecution, adjudication, sentencing, sanctions and corrections.
7. The various databases used in the department to store and retrieve data for clients.
8. The structure and content of the English language including the meaning and spelling of words, rules of composition, and grammar.
9. How to use information technology (e.g., email, word processors) to effectively prepare reports, manuals, correspondence, etc.

**Ability to:**

1. Interpret both manual and automated criminal history records.
2. Navigate and collect data information from a variety of automated archival database systems.
3. Apply judgment and knowledge to determine the best course of action from a set of alternatives.
4. Extract data from detailed documents (e.g., criminal history records).
5. Formulate conclusions and recommendations after analyzing data and constraints.
6. Read and understand information and ideas presented in writing.
7. Interpret and analyze information in order to draw valid and supportable conclusions.
8. Communicate information and ideas in writing in a clear, articulate manner using appropriate tone, vocabulary, and grammar so others will understand.
9. Work independently to meet deadlines with minimal supervision.
10. Perform detail-sensitive work in an accurate and thorough manner.
11. Work quickly in order to handle "rush" or urgent projects without prior notice and with a quick turnaround required.
12. Store and access readily available resources.
13. Utilize information technology (e.g., computer software) to conduct research and develop reports.
14. Identify misplaced or out of sequence data.

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### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

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Under Section 432.7(e) of the Labor Code, persons seeking employment with the Department of Justice may be asked to disclose arrest or detention information regardless of whether or not the arrest or detention resulted in conviction, referral, or participation in diversion programs prior to appointment. Department of Justice regulations may require, as a minimum, pre-employment investigations consisting of fingerprinting; inquiry to local, State, and national files to disclose criminal records; verification of minimum qualifications (i.e., college transcripts); financial status; previous employment background; and personal interviews to determine applicant's suitability for employment.

### VETERANS PREFERENCE

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Veteran's Preference Credits will be awarded in this examination, pursuant to Government Code Section 18973.1, effective January 1, 2014, as follows: 1. Any veteran, widow or widower of a veteran, or spouse of a 100 percent disabled veteran, who achieves a passing score in an entrance examination, shall be ranked in the top rank of the resulting eligibility list. Any veteran who has been dishonorably discharged or released is not eligible for veteran's preference. 2. An entrance examination is defined, under the law, as any open competitive examination. 3. Veterans Preference is not granted once a person achieves permanent civil service status.

### CAREER CREDITS

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Career Credits **do not** apply for this examination.

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Department of Justice reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service if the circumstances under which this examination was planned change. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service laws and rules and all candidates will be notified.

It is the Candidate's Responsibility to contact the Department of Justice, (916) 322-9764, TDD (916) 952-8396 three days prior to the written test date if he/she has not received his/her notice.

For an examination without a written feature it is the candidate's responsibility to contact the Department of Justice, (916) 322-9765, TDD (916) 952-8396 three weeks after the final filing date if he/she has not received a progress notice.

If a candidate's notice of oral interview or performance test fails to reach him/her prior to the day of the interview due to a verified postal error, he/she will be rescheduled upon written request.

Applications are available at the California Department of Human Resources offices ([www.jobs.ca.gov](http://www.jobs.ca.gov)), and local Offices of the Employment Development Department ([www.edd.ca.gov](http://www.edd.ca.gov)).

If you meet the requirements stated on the reverse, you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirement does not ensure a place on the eligible list. Your performance in the examination described on the other side of this bulletin will be compared with the performance of the others who take this test, and all candidates who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

**Examination Locations:** When a written test is part of the examination, it will be given in such places in California as the number of candidates and conditions warrant. Ordinarily, interviews are scheduled in Sacramento, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. However, locations of interviews may be limited or extended as conditions warrant.

**Eligible Lists:** Eligible lists established by competitive examination, regardless of date, must be used in the following order: 1) subdivisional promotional, 2) departmental promotional, 3) multi departmental promotional, 4) servicewide promotional, 5) departmental open, 6) open. When there are two lists of the same kind, the older list must be used first. Eligible lists will expire in from one to four years unless otherwise stated on this bulletin.

**General Qualifications:** Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, and ability to work cooperatively with others; and a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the assigned duties of the class. A medical examination may be required. In open examinations, investigation may be made of employment records and personal history and fingerprinting may be required.

**Interview Scope:** If an interview is conducted, in addition to the scope described on the other side of this bulletin, the panel will consider education, experience, personal development, personal traits and fitness. In appraising experience, more weight will be given to the breadth and recency of pertinent experience and evidence of the candidate's ability to accept and fulfill increasing responsibilities than to the length of his/her experience. Evaluation of a candidate's personal development will include consideration of his/her recognition of his/her own training needs; his/her plans for self-development; and the progress he/she has made in his/her efforts toward self-development.

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**High School Equivalence:** Equivalence to completion of the 12<sup>th</sup> grade may be demonstrated in any one of the following ways: 1) passing the General Education Development (GED) Test; 2) completion of 12 semester units of college-level work; 3) certification from the State Department of Education, a local school board, or high school authorities that the candidate is considered to have education equivalent to graduation from high school; or 4) for clerical and accounting classes, substitution of business college work in place of high school on a year-for-year basis.

**Career Credits:** In open, nonpromotional examinations, career credits are granted to: 1) State employees with permanent civil service status, 2) full-time employees of the State who are exempt from State civil service pursuant to the provisions of Section 4 of Article VII of the California Constitution, and who meet all qualification requirements specified by the Board and have 12 consecutive months of service in an exempt position, and 3) individuals who have served one full year in, or are graduates of, the California Conservation Corps (eligibility shall expire 24 months after graduation from the California Conservation Corps). Three points are added to the final test score of those candidates who meet the above criteria, and who are successful in the examination. Such examinations cannot be for managerial positions described in Government Code Section 3513. Competitors not currently employed in State civil service who have mandatory reinstatement rights may also be eligible for career credits, but they must explain their civil service status in the appropriate section of the application Form 100-678. (Section 4 of article VII of the California Constitution is posted at the State Personnel Board, 801 Capitol Mall, Sacramento.)

If hearing impaired, call the California Relay Service.  
1-800-735-2929 (From TDD Phone)  
1-800-735-2922 (From Voice Phone)

TDD is Telecommunications Device for the Deaf and is reachable only from telephones equipped with a TDD device.

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_ (PLEASE PRINT)  
Last First M.I.

If you are successful in the above examination, your name will be placed on the active list and certified to fill vacancies according to the conditions you have specified on this form.

Note: The location of offices may vary depending on the hiring Department.

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PLEASE SELECT YOUR CHOICE(S) INDICATING LOCATION(S) YOU ARE WILLING TO WORK:

\_\_\_ Contra Costa (0700) \_\_\_ Sacramento (3400)

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PLEASE INDICATE THE TYPE OF APPOINTMENT(S) YOU WILL ACCEPT

Please Check Your Choice(s):

\_\_\_ (D) Permanent - full time only.

\_\_\_ (R) Permanent - part time or intermittent.

Temporary - full time, part time, or intermittent.

\_\_\_ (A) All of the above

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NOTE: PLEASE NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE/ TESTING AND SELECTION UNIT, IN WRITING, OF ANY CHANGE IN YOUR ADDRESS OR AVAILABILITY FOR EMPLOYMENT.

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